

**WILLIAMS BASIN - NAPIAS CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Williams Basin - Napias Creek C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Billie Creek Cattle
Paul Edwards
Jesse Cole

Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
265	6/11	10/30	1063	265	6/11	10/30	1063
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138	6/11	10/30	554	138	6/11	10/30	554

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	Head/HM's	Dates ***	Riparian	Uplands
1	Spring Creek	668/329	06/11-06/25	4"	3"
2	Williams Basin	668/220	06/26-07/05	4"	4"
3	Phelan Creek	668/2020	07/06-10-05	5"***	4"
4	Deep Creek+		07/06-10/05	6"	4"
2	Williams Basin	111/91	10/06-10/30*	4"	4"
1	Spring Creek	Incidental Use #	10/06-10/30	4"	3"

* If you are within the utilization standards at the end of the grazing season. All but 90-110 cow/calf pairs should be off the allotment by October 6. All remaining cattle should be off the allotment by October 30.

** **Phelan Creek-** As a mitigation for bull trout spawning, cattle will be allowed to stay in the Phelan Creek Unit with a stipulation that a 5-inch stubble height will be adhered to in riparian areas along Arnett Creek and the riparian areas above the Coiner property.

+ **Deep Creek-** Will be grazed in conjunction with Phelan Creek. Little Deep Creek can be grazed until 9/09 and used for trailing after 9/09.

Spring Creek- Even though most cattle will go home through the Williams Basin Unit, some will drift home through the Spring Creek Unit.

***** These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date.

NOTE - Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The dates of use and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather conditions. For these reasons, or others, you wish to make changes in the dates of use or grazing sequence as described in this plan of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the troughs in that unit are to be drained.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. 5 days for timbered units and 3 days for non-timbered units.

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be placed away from all heavily used trails, all roads, all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

To meet the State of Idaho's provision for trichomoniasis testing, all bulls must be tested at least 45 days prior to the turnout date.

Please mail your in the actual use form we will send you in after the end of the grazing season. This information is data that is used, to determine how the allotment is responding to applied management practices .

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Williams Basin - Napias Creek C&H Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

No.	Name	Target Date	Condition	Responsibilities
1/ 5127	South Fork Drift Fence	7/05	Satisfactory	P. Edwards/Hoffman
5151	Perreau-Jesse Creek Fence	6/10	Satisfactory	Edwards/Billie Cr./Cole
5152	Coyote Basin Drift Fence	6/10	Satisfactory	Edwards/Cole
5153	Perreau Creek Drift Fence	6/10	Satisfactory	Billie Cr.
5156	Williams Creek Drift Fence	6/25	Satisfactory	Edwards/Cole
5161	Williams Basin #2 Water Dev.	6/25	Satisfactory	Edwards/Cole
5162	Williams Basin #3 Water Dev.	6/25	Satisfactory	Billie Cr.
5163	Williams Basin #4 Water Dev.	6/25	Satisfactory	Edwards/Cole
5164	Williams Basin #5 Water Dev.	6/25	Satisfactory	Billie Cr.
5166	Tormay Creek Water Dev.	6/10	Satisfactory	Edwards/Cole
5319	Upper Perreau Creek Drift Fence	6/10	Satisfactory	Billie Cr.
5320	Lower Perreau Creek Drift Fence	6/10	Satisfactory	Billie Cr.
2/ 5378	Beartrack Fence	7/05	Satisfactory	Billie Cr./Aldous
5380	Tormay Pipeline	6/10	Satisfactory	Edwards/Cole
5421	Little Deep Cr Drft Fence & CG	7/05	Good	Billie Cr.
5427	Little Deep Creek Fence	7/05	Good	Billie Cr.
5432	Indian Creek Drift Fence	7/05	Good	Edwards/Cole

1/ Maintain fence from gate on ridge top in the SW1/4, NE1/4, Section 15, T20N., R20E., north to the end of the fence.

2/ Maintain fence from the gate on the ridge above Sharkey Creek west.

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

No New Construction Scheduled for 2003

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, CA, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of cattle entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Grazing fees for the 2003 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month.

In 2002 the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland

V. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Drift into the Deep Creek and North Fork Williams Creek meadow areas.	Check and keep cattle out of areas as much as possible.

I have reviewed and accepted these Annual Operating Instructions for the 2003 grazing season. Any changes to this Annual Operating Plan must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee _____ Date _____

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Forest Officer _____ Date _____